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'TWO TOP'

This area is just outside of West Yellowstone, Montana. On a clear day, from atop this mountain, you can see down into Idaho and Wyoming and of course back into Montana. The snow on top at times gets to 10 and 12 foot depths. The trees look like Snow Sculptures, and are truly a sight to see.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.

6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.

7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.

9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.

10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.

12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.

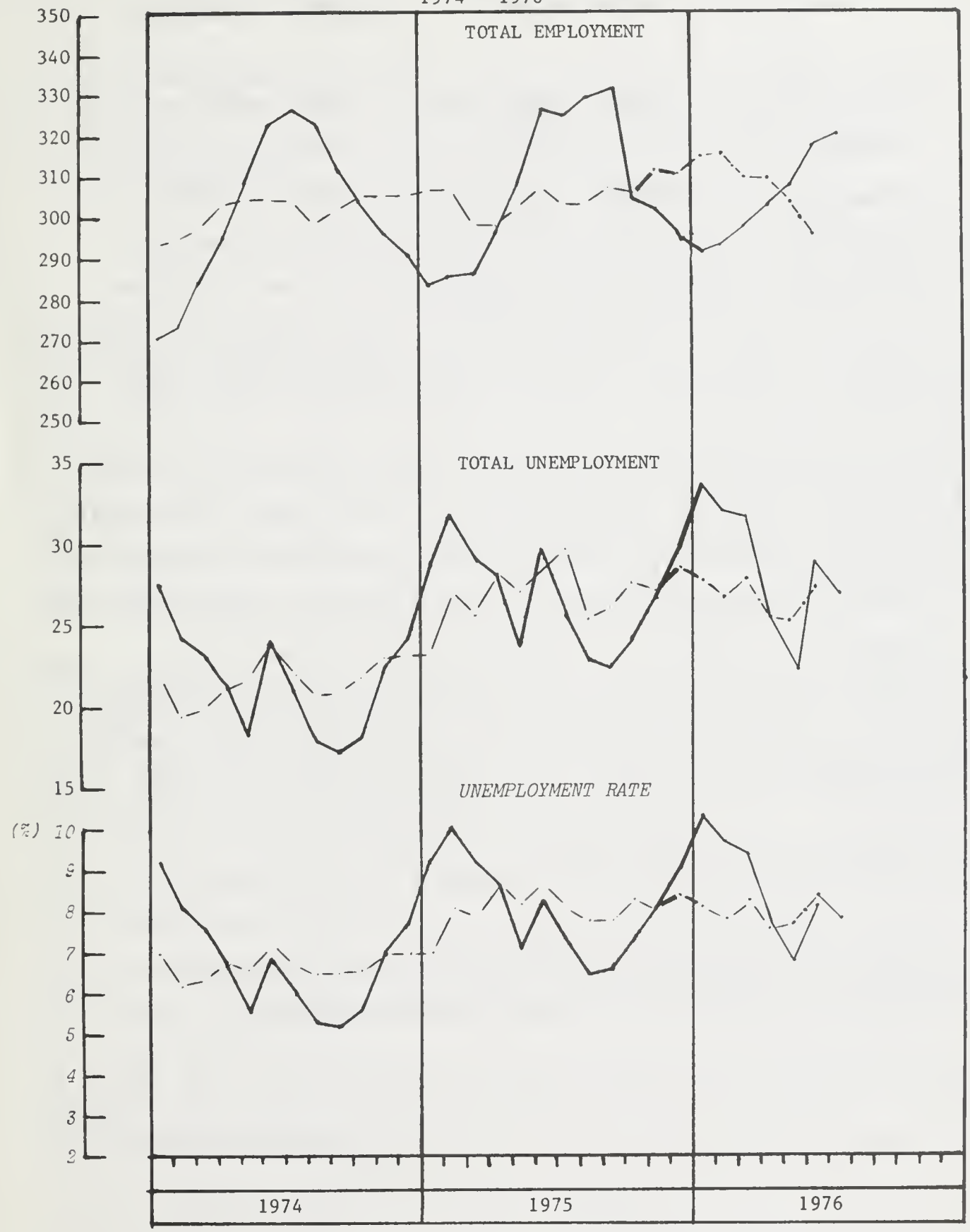
14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: ——)

(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: ·-·-)

1974 - 1976



BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES, VS ACTUAL STATE OF MONTANA EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

The Bureau of Labor statistics compiles national unemployment on the basis of a monthly Current Population Survey (C.P.S.). Twenty-seven states have large enough samples to enable the Bureau to determine those state's unemployment rate. Twenty-three states, in which Montana is included, must determine their unemployment by means of a statistical formula. Because of the difference in methodology, when C.P.S. states are added to non-C.P.S. states, the unemployment rate differs from that of the "National" rate.

Early in 1976 the Office of Management and Budget mandated that the Bureau of Labor Statistics force the aggregate of all states to equal the national C.P.S. estimates. March 4, 1976, this agency was mandated by the Bureau to adjust the state unemployment rate for 1975 and throughout 1976 downward. All states in B. L. S. Region VIII received the same adjustment factors. Analysis of these adjustment factors indicatesthat Montana's unemployment rate would arbitrarily be reduced and end results would be misleading and not representative of Montana's actual economic conditions. Therefore, because this agency owes the public in Montana the most reliable and consistent figures available, Montana's Employment Security Research and Analysis Section will continue to publish what is felt are actual unemployment statistics in this publication. This agency will furnish the Bureau with adjusted figures on required reports, but Montana will not publish them.

Because of the above, Bureau of Labor Statistics publications will not agree with statistics as <u>published</u> by Montana's Employment Security Research and Analysis Section.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

JULY 1976

Montana's civilian labor force reached 345,000 for the month of June, an increase of 14,600 from a month ago. However, this compares to 349,100 for June 1975, or a drop of 4,100.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment totaled 245,400 for June compared with 242,300 in May. June's 500 drop in manufacturing employment from June a year ago can be attributed to declines in the lumber and wood products, and primary metal manufacturing industries in the durable goods sector. Nonmanufacturing was also down from June 1975 levels. In the construction sector, the general building and special trade contractors totaled a decline of 2,400 from last year's employment levels. During the same period, the transportation and public utilities sector declined, as noted by the drop in railroad employment. At the same time, retail trade dropped by 1,400 from a year ago. This was caused by declines in the general merchandise, apparel, and eating and drinking places. The finance, insurance and real estate sector recorded a gain of 400 over June of last year, as well as the service and Government sectors with gains of 600 and 1,900 respectively. In retrospect, Montana's employment in the industrial sectors continues to follow historic trends. The mining, lumber and wood products, and primary metal manufacturing industries have continued to follow declining erratic trends, while on the positive side, the finance, real estate and insurance; wholesale and retail trade; services; and government sectors have played a larger role in the state's industrial composition through steady employment growth patterns.

Montana's important agriculture industry is approaching the employment peak of the year with 41,100 employees, compared with 40,800 in June a year ago, as reported by the Montana Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Montana's 1976 winter wheat production is forecast at 90.6 million bushels, which is 14% below the 1975 level. "Yield is forecast at 30 bushels per acre and harvested acreage is estimated at 3,020,000 acres." However, about 55 per cent of the winter wheat is headed, compared with the normal 10 per cent. Moisture levels have been generally adequate except for the southwest, southcentral, and several other isolated areas of the state.

Building permits for June look encouraging, with 860 permits recorded compared to 767 for May and 699 for June of 1975. This very well could boost employment in the sagging building construction industry.

There were 2,621 new passenger vehicles registered in the state bringing the year to date total to 14,139, which is well ahead of the 11,669 recorded over the same period during 1975. The long awaited auto sales turn around in Detroit is apparently affecting Montana's auto dealers as well.

The average non-agricultural Montana wage earner worked 36 hours at a rate of $4.71 an hour in the month of June. Average weekly earnings were $169.56 compared to $160.81 a year ago. Average weekly earnings in the manufacturing sector were $40.94 higher than June of a year ago at $230.68.

Manufacturing weekly hours remains as one of Montana's best economic indicators of manufacturing new orders and production activity. This registered an encouraging sign in the month of June, with a recorded 39.5 hours, compared with 36.7 during the same period last year.

On the negative side, Montana's composite index of six leading indicators showed a definite decline in May at 97.7. However, this is a seasonally adjusted index which is compared against each previous month in the makeup of the index. As such, one month's decline is not a justification to attempt a forecast in the near future of Montana's economy. Also, preliminary indications show an increase in the index for June.

During the first half of 1976, Montana's average monthly total employment grew by a rate of 2.6% over the same period in 1975. This compares with a growth rate of less than 1% for the whole calendar year 1975. Although still far below the 3.9% rate during 1974, it appears as though Montana's employment base is beginning to expand after a long year of stagnation. Wholesale and retail trade has been one of the three fastest growing industries throughout the last decade. However, this important industry has grown by an average of only 1.2% over the first two quarters of 1975. The trade sector has actually shown declines for the past three consecutive months, in comparison with the respective months a year ago. In terms of Montana's labor economy, this situation is bothersome since this is, in essence, a reflection of the cautious attitude of our state's consumers.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

JUNE 1976

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	252	81	2,043
CETA-CEP	89	65	202
CETA-INST.	79	41	290
CETA-OJT	47	31	132
JOB CORPS	39	40	240
PSE	121	68	1,353

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S. 1/

(1967 = 100)

Group	June 1976	*Percent Change From:* May 1976	June 1975
All Items	170.1	*0.5%*	*5.9%*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED 2/

JUNE 1976

Social Characteristics	*Percent of Total Covered Unemployment*
Non-White	*5.6%*
Female	*42.7%*
Youth	*9.9%*
Over 45	*24.3%*

1/ The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.

2/ Based on 20% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.

Table I

RESIDENCE DATA

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ Montana	Percent 1/ U. S.	
1974								
January	298.1	270.5	245.7	24.8	27.6	*9.2*	*5.6*	.1
February	298.2	273.9	249.1	24.8	24.3	*8.1*	*5.7*	*
March	308.2	284.8	254.5	30.3	23.4	*7.6*	*5.3*	*
April	316.4	295.0	261.0	34.0	21.4	*6.8*	*4.8*	*
May	327.8	309.5	270.0	39.5	18.3	*5.6*	*4.6*	4.0
June	346.8	322.8	277.7	45.1	24.0	*6.9*	*5.8*	2.0
July	347.4	326.4	277.7	48.7	21.0	*6.0*	*5.6*	*
August	341.8	323.9	277.9	46.0	17.9	*5.3*	*5.3*	.2
September	329.7	312.4	275.6	36.8	17.3	*5.2*	*5.7*	*
October	322.3	304.2	269.3	34.9	18.1	*5.6*	*5.5*	*
November	319.3	296.9	266.5	30.4	22.4	*7.0*	*6.2*	.1
December	315.1	291.0	265.2	25.8	24.1	*7.7*	*6.7*	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	*6.7*	*5.6*	.5
1975								
January	308.7	279.8	253.0	26.8	28.9	*9.4*	*9.0*	*
February	309.6	278.2	250.8	27.4	31.4	*10.2*	*9.1*	.1
March	316.6	287.3	257.1	30.2	29.3	*9.2*	*9.1*	.3
April	320.3	292.3	259.4	32.9	28.0	*8.7*	*8.6*	.2
May	327.9	304.3	267.3	37.0	23.6	*7.2*	*8.3*	.1
June	349.1	319.7	278.9	40.8	29.4	*8.4*	*9.1*	.1
July	346.9	321.3	279.1	42.2	25.6	*7.4*	*8.7*	.2
August	350.9	327.9	280.7	47.2	23.0	*6.6*	*8.2*	*
September	340.2	317.7	279.3	38.4	22.5	*6.6*	*8.1*	.3
October	332.6	308.4	274.4	34.0	24.2	*7.3*	*7.8*	.3
November	332.4	305.8	274.3	31.5	26.6	*8.0*	*7.8*	.2
December	330.7	300.6	271.4	29.2	30.1	*9.1*	*7.8*	.2
1975 Avg.	330.5	303.6	268.8	34.8	26.9	*8.1*	*8.5*	.1
1976								
January	324.8	291.2	262.4	28.8	33.6	*10.3*	*8.8*	*
February	323.6	292.1	263.3	28.8	31.5	*9.7*	*8.7*	*
March	328.3	297.3	265.8	31.5	31.0	*9.5*	*8.1*	*
April	328.6	302.8	267.8	35.0	25.8	*7.9*	*7.4*	*
May	330.4	308.1	271.0	37.1	22.3	*6.8*	*6.7*	*
June	345.0	316.1	275.0	41.1	28.9	*8.4*	*8.0*	*
July	*345.8*	*318.9*	*275.1*	*43.8*	*26.9*	*7.8*		*
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. *Series began January 1970.*

2/ Non-additive - included in total employment. *Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.*

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RESIDENCE DATA

Table II

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute[2]
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent[1] County	Percent[1] State	
1974								
January	31.5	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.9	*9.3*	*9.2*	*
February	31.1	28.7	27.7	1.0	2.4	*7.6*	*8.1*	*
March	31.9	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.3	*7.2*	*7.6*	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	*6.2*	*6.8*	*
May	32.4	30.4	28.7	1.7	2.0	*6.2*	*5.6*	1.4
June	34.1	31.6	29.6	2.0	2.5	*7.3*	*6.9*	1.2
July	33.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.2	*6.4*	*6.0*	*
August	33.8	31.8	29.8	2.0	2.0	*5.8*	*5.3*	*
September	33.2	31.3	29.7	1.6	1.9	*5.6*	*5.2*	*
October	33.1	31.3	29.8	1.5	1.8	*5.5*	*5.6*	*
November	32.1	30.1	28.7	1.4	2.0	*6.3*	*7.0*	*
December	32.2	30.1	29.0	1.1	2.1	*6.6*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	*6.7*	*6.7*	.2
1975								
January	31.1	28.5	27.4	1.1	2.6	*8.3*	*9.4*	*
February	31.2	28.2	27.1	1.1	3.0	*9.7*	*10.2*	*
March	31.8	29.0	27.8	1.2	2.8	*8.7*	*9.2*	.1
April	32.5	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.7	*8.3*	*8.7*	.1
May	32.7	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.4	*7.3*	*7.2*	*
June	33.7	30.9	29.3	1.6	2.8	*8.4*	*8.4*	*
July	33.7	31.0	29.3	1.7	2.7	*8.1*	*7.4*	*
August	33.7	31.2	29.3	1.9	2.5	*7.4*	*6.6*	*
September	33.3	30.9	29.4	1.5	2.4	*7.3*	*6.6*	*
October	33.0	30.3	29.0	1.3	2.7	*8.1*	*7.3*	*
November	33.0	30.4	29.2	1.2	2.6	*7.9*	*8.0*	*
December	33.0	30.2	29.0	1.2	2.8	*8.5*	*9.1*	*
1975 Avg.	32.7	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.7	*8.2*	*8.1*	*
1976								
January	32.4	29.2	28.1	1.1	3.2	*9.8*	*10.3*	*
February	32.2	29.3	28.2	1.1	2.9	*9.1*	*9.7*	*
March	32.9	29.9	28.7	1.2	3.0	*9.2*	*9.5*	*
April	32.5	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.6	*7.9*	*7.9*	*
May	33.5	31.2	29.7	1.5	2.3	*6.9*	*6.8*	*
June	35.2	32.0	30.4	1.6	3.2	*9.2*	*8.4*	*
July	*35.0*	*32.1*	*30.4*	*1.7*	*2.9*	*8.4*	*7.8*	*
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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Table III

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1974								
January	44.0	40.6	39.5	1.1	3.4	*7.8*	*9.2*	*
February	43.9	41.3	40.2	1.1	2.6	*5.9*	*8.1*	*
March	44.6	42.2	40.6	1.6	2.4	*5.4*	*7.6*	*
April	45.1	42.9	41.2	1.7	2.2	*4.9*	*6.8*	*
May	45.6	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.0	*4.4*	*5.6*	.5
June	48.1	45.0	42.7	2.3	3.1	*6.3*	*6.9*	.5
July	47.9	45.4	42.9	2.5	2.5	*5.3*	*6.0*	*
August	47.0	44.9	42.5	2.4	2.1	*4.4*	*5.3*	*
September	46.1	44.1	42.2	1.9	2.0	*4.4*	*5.2*	*
October	46.6	44.7	42.9	1.8	1.9	*4.2*	*5.6*	*
November	45.9	43.6	42.0	1.6	2.3	*5.0*	*7.0*	*
December	45.8	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.5	*5.4*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	*5.3*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	45.4	42.0	40.8	1.2	3.4	*7.6*	*9.4*	*
February	45.1	41.5	40.2	1.3	3.6	*8.0*	*10.2*	*
March	45.6	42.0	40.6	1.4	3.6	*7.9*	*9.2*	.1
April	46.8	43.4	41.9	1.5	3.4	*7.3*	*8.7*	*
May	47.1	44.5	42.8	1.7	2.6	*5.6*	*7.2*	*
June	49.0	45.6	43.7	1.9	3.4	*7.0*	*8.4*	*
July	49.5	46.3	44.4	1.9	3.2	*6.5*	*7.4*	*
August	49.2	46.1	43.9	2.2	3.1	*6.2*	*6.6*	*
September	48.5	45.6	43.8	1.8	2.9	*5.9*	*6.6*	.2
October	48.4	45.6	44.0	1.6	2.8	*5.8*	*7.3*	.2
November	49.2	46.4	45.0	1.4	2.8	*5.8*	*8.0*	*
December	48.6	45.4	44.1	1.3	3.2	*6.5*	*9.1*	*
1975 Avg.	47.7	44.5	42.9	1.6	3.2	*6.7*	*8.1*	*
1976								
January	47.4	43.7	42.4	1.3	3.7	*7.9*	*10.3*	*
February	47.1	43.8	42.5	1.3	3.3	*7.1*	*9.7*	*
March	47.5	44.1	42.7	1.4	3.4	*7.2*	*9.5*	*
April	48.3	45.4	43.8	1.6	2.9	*5.9*	*7.9*	*
May	48.1	45.8	44.1	1.7	2.3	*4.8*	*6.8*	*
June	50.8	47.3	45.4	1.9	3.5	*6.8*	*8.4*	*
July	*51.2*	*47.9*	*45.9*	*2.0*	*3.3*	*6.4*	*7.8*	*
August								
September								
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November								
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Avg.								

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RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

JUNE 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	June 1976	May 1976	June 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from: May 1976	Net Changes to Current Month from: June 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	345.0	330.4	349.1	14.6	-4.1
2. Unemployment	28.9	22.3	29.4	6.6	-.5
Percent of Labor Force[1/]	*8.4*	*6.8*	*8.4*	*1.6*	*0*
3. Employment, Total	316.1	308.1	319.7	8.0	-3.6
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	243.0	239.9	245.9	3.1	-2.9
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*245.4*	*242.3*	*248.1*	*3.1*	*-2.7*
MANUFACTURING	*22.2*	*22.0*	*22.7*	*.1*	*-.5*
Durable Goods	*14.2*	*14.2*	*14.8*	*0*	*-.6*
24 Lumber and Wood Products	*8.2*	*8.2*	*8.5*	*0*	*-.3*
33 Primary Metal Industries	*3.2*	*3.2*	*3.5*	*0*	*-.3*
Other Durable Goods	*2.8*	*2.8*	*2.8*	*0*	*0*
Nondurable Goods	*8.0*	*7.8*	*7.9*	*.2*	*.1*
20 Food and Kindred Products	*3.6*	*3.5*	*3.5*	*.1*	*.1*
27 Printing and Publishing	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*0*	*0*
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	*1.2*	*1.1*	*1.1*	*.1*	*.1*
Other Nondurable Goods	*1.3*	*1.3*	*1.4*	*0*	*-.1*
NONMANUFACTURING	*223.2*	*220.3*	*225.4*	*2.9*	*-2.2*
Mining	*5.8*	*5.8*	*7.0*	*0*	*-1.2*
10 Metal Mining	*2.3*	*2.3*	*3.3*	*0*	*-1.0*
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*0*	*0*
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	*1.8*	*1.8*	*2.0*	*0*	*-.2*

Contract Construction	11.2	11.2	13.8	0	-2.6
15 General Building Contractors	3.8	4.0	5.5	-.2	-1.7
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	3.1	3.0	3.3	.1	-.2
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.3	4.2	5.0	.1	-.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.4	19.3	19.6	.1	-.2
40 Railroad Transportation	6.0	6.0	6.3	0	-.3
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	6.0	6.0	5.9	0	.1
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	7.4	7.3	7.4	.1	0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	60.0	59.6	61.1	.4	-1.1
Wholesale Trade	12.2	12.1	11.9	.1	.3
Retail Trade	47.8	47.5	49.2	.3	-1.4
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	6.3	6.3	8.2	0	-1.9
54 Food Stores	6.5	6.4	6.4	.1	.1
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	7.9	7.9	8.2	0	-.3
58 Eating and Drinking Places	15.2	15.2	16.1	0	-.9
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	11.9	11.7	10.3	.2	1.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	10.6	10.5	10.2	.1	.4
Services	47.0	45.5	46.4	1.5	.6
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	6.5	5.5	7.2	1.0	-.7
72 Personal Services	2.6	2.5	2.6	.1	0
80 Medical and other Health Services	14.9	14.7	14.2	.2	.7
Other Services	23.0	22.8	22.4	.2	.6
Government	69.2	68.4	67.3	.8	1.9
91 Federal Government	13.9	13.8	15.8	.1	-1.9
92 State Government	19.3	19.6	18.4	-.3	.9
State Education	8.9	9.5	-	-.6	-
Other State Government	10.4	10.1	-	.3	-
93 Local Government	36.0	35.0	33.1	1.0	2.9
Local Education	21.8	22.0	-	-.2	-
Other Local Government	14.2	13.0	-	1.2	-
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2/]	32.0	31.1	33.0	.9	-1.0
(c) Agriculture	41.1	37.1	40.8	4.0	.3
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3/]	*	*	.1	-	-

*1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.*
2/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
3/ Non-Additive, included in Line (a). Establishment Series began January 1964; Residence Series began January 1970. Produced in cooperation with U.S. Dept. of Labor Employment and Training Administration.

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table V

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

June 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	JUNE 1976	MAY 1976	JUNE 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from: MAY 1976	JUNE 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	35.2	33.5	33.7	1.7	1.5
2. Unemployment	3.2	2.3	2.8	.9	.4
Percent of Labor Force[1/]	*9.2*	*6.9*	*8.3*	*2.3*	*.9*
3. Employment, Total	32.0	31.2	30.9	.8	1.1
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	27.9	27.3	26.8	.6	1.1
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*28.9*	*28.4*	*27.7*	*.5*	*1.2*
MANUFACTURING	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*.0*	*.0*
NONMANUFACTURING	*27.2*	*26.7*	*26.0*	*.5*	*1.2*
Contract Construction	*1.6*	*1.5*	*1.5*	*.1*	*.1*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*.0*	*.0*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*8.7*	*8.6*	*8.5*	*.1*	*.2*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*.0*	*.0*
Services and Mining	*6.7*	*6.6*	*6.0*	*.1*	*.7*
Government	*6.3*	*6.1*	*6.1*	*.2*	*.2*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2/]	2.5	2.4	2.5	.1	.0
(c) Agriculture	1.6	1.5	1.6	.1	.0
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3/]	*	*	*	-	-

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Current month preliminary.*
2/ *Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.* *Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.*
3/ *Non-additive, included in Line (a).* * *Under 50.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. *Residence Series began January 1970.*
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Employment & Training Administration.

Table VI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

JUNE 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	June 1976	May 1976	June 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from: May 1976	June 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	50.71	48.1	49.0	2.6	1.7
2. Unemployment	3.5	2.3	3.4	1.2	.1
Percent of Labor Force[1]	*6.8*	*4.8*	*7.0*	*2.0*	*-.2*
3. Employment, Total	47.2	45.8	45.6	1.4	1.6
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	40.7	39.7	39.2	1.0	1.5
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*40.6*	*39.4*	*39.5*	*1.2*	*1.1*
MANUFACTURING	*3.6*	*3.4*	*3.3*	*.2*	*.3*
NONMANUFACTURING	*37.0*	*36.0*	*36.2*	*1.0*	*.8*
Contract Construction	*2.3*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*.3*	*.4*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*3.4*	*3.3*	*3.6*	*.1*	*-.2*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*13.1*	*13.0*	*12.9*	*.1*	*.2*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*2.1*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*.1*	*.1*
Services and Mining	*8.4*	*8.3*	*8.2*	*.1*	*.2*
Government	*7.8*	*7.4*	*7.6*	*.4*	*.2*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2]	4.6	4.4	4.5	.2	.1
(c) Agriculture	1.9	1.7	1.9	.2	.0
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3]	*	*	*	-	-

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Current month preliminary.*
2/ *Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.* *Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.*
3/ *Non-additive, included in Line (a).* * *Under 50.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. *Residence Series began January 1970.*
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Employment & Training Administration.

Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	APR 1976	MAY 1976	JUNE 1976	APR 1976	MAY 1976	JUNE 1976	APR 1976	MAY 1976	JUNE 1976	APR 1976	MAY 1976	JUNE 1976
STATEWIDE	328.7	330.4	345.0	302.8	308.1	316.1	25.9	22.3	28.9	7.9	6.8	8.4
GREAT FALLS SMSA	32.5	33.5	35.2	29.9	31.2	32.0	2.6	2.3	3.2	7.9	6.9	9.2
BILLINGS SMSA	48.3	48.1	50.7	45.4	45.8	47.2	2.9	2.3	3.5	5.9	4.8	6.8
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	247.9	248.8	259.1	227.5	231.1	236.9	20.4	17.7	22.2	8.2	7.1	8.6
ANACONDA-BUTTE	35.6	35.8	37.3	32.4	32.8	33.4	3.2	3.0	3.8	9.0	8.4	10.3
BOZEMAN	24.1	24.4	25.3	22.3	22.7	23.4	1.8	1.6	1.9	7.4	6.7	7.6
GLASGOW	16.0	16.1	16.8	15.1	15.4	15.9	.8	.7	.9	5.2	4.2	5.1
GLENDIVE	13.4	13.4	13.9	12.7	12.9	13.2	.7	.5	.7	5.3	4.0	4.9
HARDIN-RED LODGE	10.9	11.0	11.4	10.2	10.3	10.6	.8	.7	.8	7.0	6.0	6.8
HAVRE	11.9	12.0	12.5	11.2	11.4	11.7	.7	.6	.8	6.0	5.1	6.6
HELENA	21.6	21.7	22.5	20.2	20.4	20.8	1.4	1.3	1.8	6.6	6.0	7.8
KALISPELL	33.1	32.6	34.0	28.5	29.0	29.7	4.6	3.6	4.3	13.7	11.1	12.6
LEWISTOWN	10.8	10.9	11.4	10.2	10.4	10.7	.6	.5	.6	5.2	4.7	5.7
MILES CITY	13.3	13.6	14.1	12.6	12.8	13.1	.7	.8	1.0	5.5	5.7	6.9
MISSOULA	40.2	40.0	41.7	36.0	36.5	37.3	4.2	3.6	4.5	10.5	8.8	10.8
SHELBY-CUT BANK	17.0	17.3	18.2	16.1	16.5	17.1	.9	.8	1.1	5.2	4.8	5.9

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

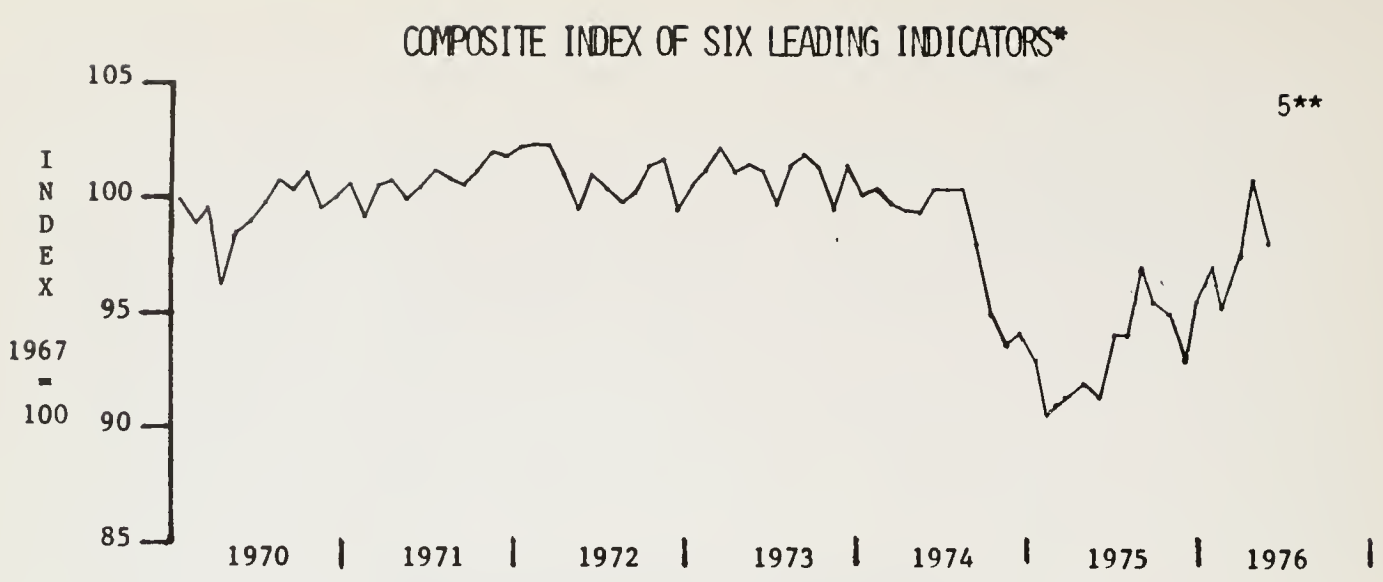
Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	JUNE 1976	JUNE 1975	Percent Change 1975-1976	JUNE 1976	JUNE 1975	Percent Change 1975-1976	JUNE 1976	JUNE 1975	Net Change 1975-1976	JUNE 1976	JUNE 1975	Net Change 1975-1976
STATEWIDE	345.0	349.1	*-1.2*	316.1	319.7	*-1.1*	28.9	29.4	.5	*8.4*	*8.4*	*0*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	35.2	33.7	*4.5*	32.0	30.9	*3.6*	3.2	2.8	.4	*9.2*	*8.4*	*.8*
BILLINGS SMSA	50.7	49.0	*3.5*	47.2	45.6	*3.5*	3.5	3.4	.1	*6.8*	*7.0*	*- .2*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	259.1	266.4	*-2.7*	236.9	243.2	*-2.6*	22.2	23.2	-1.0	*8.6*	*8.7*	*- .1*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	37.3	36.2	*3.0*	33.4	32.6	*2.5*	3.8	3.6	- .2	*10.3*	*9.9*	*.4*
BOZEMAN	25.3	26.7	*-5.2*	23.4	24.4	*-4.1*	1.9	2.3	- .4	*7.6*	*8.6*	*-1.0*
GLASGOW	16.8	17.7	*-5.1*	15.9	16.7	*-4.8*	.9	1.0	- .1	*5.1*	*5.6*	*- .5*
GLENDIVE	13.9	14.6	*-4.8*	13.2	13.8	*-4.3*	.7	.8	- .1	*4.9*	*5.5*	*- .6*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	11.4	12.0	*-5.0*	10.6	11.1	*-4.5*	.8	.9	- .1	*6.8*	*7.5*	*- .7*
HAVRE	12.5	12.1	*3.3*	11.7	11.1	*5.4*	.8	1.0	- .2	*6.6*	*8.3*	*-1.7*
HELENA	22.5	23.0	*-2.2*	20.8	21.3	*-2.3*	1.8	1.7	.1	*7.8*	*7.4*	*.4*
KALISPELL	34.0	35.5	*-4.2*	29.7	30.9	*-3.9*	4.3	4.6	- .3	*12.6*	*13.0*	*- .4*
LEWISTOWN	11.4	11.8	*-3.4*	10.7	11.2	*-4.5*	.6	.6	0	*5.7*	*5.1*	*.6*
MILES CITY	14.1	14.5	*-2.8*	13.1	13.7	*-4.4*	1.0	.8	.2	*6.9*	*5.5*	*1.4*
MISSOULA	41.7	43.0	*-3.0*	37.3	38.4	*-2.9*	4.5	4.6	- .1	*10.8*	*10.7*	*.1*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	18.2	19.3	*-5.7*	17.1	18.0	*-5.0*	1.1	1.3	- .2	*5.9*	*6.7*	*- .8*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS



Composite Index of SIX LEADING INDICATORS 1967 = 100

1975	
January	92.7
February	90.3
March	91.0
April	91.6
May	91.0
June	93.7
July	93.7
August	96.7
September	95.2
October	94.8
November	92.7
December	95.3
1976	
January	96.8
February	95.0
March	97.4
April	100.5
May	97.7
June	
July	
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December	

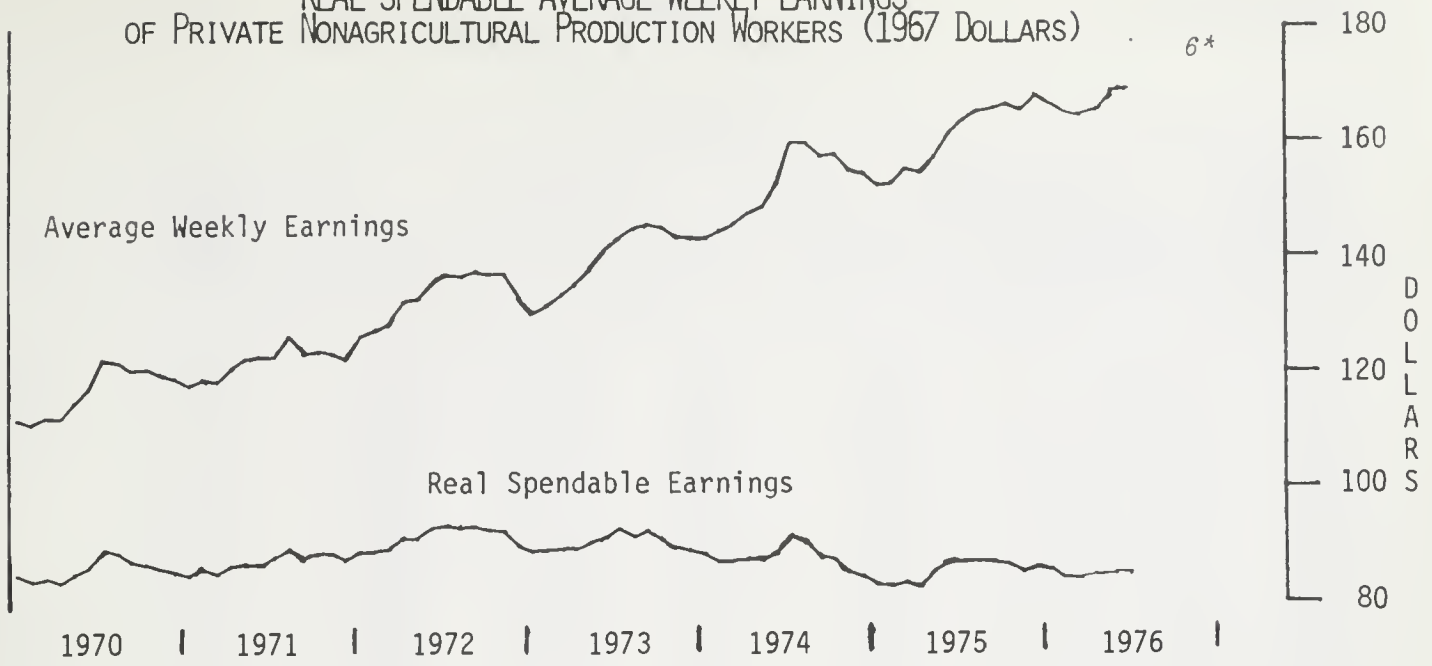
MONTANA's COMPOSITE INDEX

The composite index fell to a May figure of 97.7 from 100.5 in April. Weekly initial claims fell 16% from the previous month, and average manufacturing weekly hours increased 1.5%. These two are the only indicators to show a positive trend for May, while four of the six leading indicators showed negative trends. Even though the index fell 2.8% from the April figure of 100.5, the May index figure of 97.7 is up .3% from the April index.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.*

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)



	June 1976	May 1976	June 1975
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	$ 169.56	$ 168.84	$ 160.81
Taxes Withheld	24.71	24.50	22.10
Spendable Earnings	144.85	144.35	138.71
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	59.70	59.04	52.34
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	85.15	85.31	86.37

1975	Average Weekly Earnings 1/	Real Spendable Earnings 2/
Jan.	$152.28	$83.19
Feb.	152.80	82.90
Mar.	155.09	83.58
Apr.	154.22	82.77
May	157.24	85.48
Jun.	160.81	86.37
Jul.	163.52	86.63
Aug.	165.07	87.04
Sep.	165.53	86.81
Oct.	165.98	86.48
Nov.	165.34	85.67
Dec.	167.81	86.36
1976		
Jan.	165.89	85.35
Feb.	164.98	84.77
Mar.	163.70	84.02
Apr.	165.50	84.44
May	168.84	85.31
June	169.56p	85.15p

Gross average weekly earnings increased .4% from $168.84 in May to $169.56 in June. The May figure of $168.84 is up 2% from the April figure of $165.50. Real spendable earnings for June is down slightly from the May figure of $85.31, but is up .8% from the April figure of $84.44.

On the positive side, gross average weekly earnings for June increased 5.4% over June one year ago. On the other hand, real spendable earnings for June decreased 1% from June 1975.

* *Indicate last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary*
1/ Average weekly earning of total private nonagricultural production workers.
2/ Real spendable average weekly earnings of private nonagricultural production workers.

Table IX

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute[2/]
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent[1/] Montana	Percent[1/] U. S.	
1974								
January	315.1	293.2	257.5	35.7	21.9	7.0	5.2	.1
February	314.2	294.7	260.4	34.3	19.5	6.2	5.2	*
March	317.1	297.2	261.8	35.4	19.9	6.3	5.1	*
April	318.6	297.2	265.1	32.1	21.4	6.7	5.0	*
May	325.5	303.9	267.3	36.6	21.6	6.6	5.2	4.0
June	327.8	304.1	267.9	36.2	23.7	7.2	5.2	2.0
July	326.6	304.6	266.5	38.1	22.0	6.7	5.3	*
August	319.2	298.4	267.0	31.4	20.8	6.5	5.4	.2
September	322.6	301.7	270.5	31.2	20.9	6.5	5.8	*
October	327.3	305.6	268.1	37.5	21.7	6.6	6.0	*
November	328.5	305.5	268.7	36.8	23.0	7.0	6.6	.1
December	328.2	305.1	269.1	36.0	23.1	7.0	7.2	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	6.7	5.6	.5
1975								
January	326.0	303.0	265.8	37.2	23.0	7.0	8.2	*
February	326.4	300.0	263.3	36.7	26.4	8.1	8.2	.1
March	326.0	300.0	265.2	34.8	26.0	8.0	8.7	.3
April	323.2	295.6	262.7	32.9	27.6	8.5	8.9	.2
May	325.6	299.0	265.1	33.9	26.6	8.2	9.2	.1
June	327.4	299.7	267.7	32.0	27.7	8.4	8.6	.1
July	327.8	301.3	268.9	32.4	26.5	8.1	8.4	.2
August	329.3	302.9	270.2	32.7	26.4	8.0	8.4	*
September	333.1	306.3	273.7	32.6	26.8	8.1	8.3	.3
October	336.4	308.4	273.1	35.3	28.0	8.3	8.6	.3
November	341.0	313.0	275.4	37.6	28.0	8.2	8.3	.2
December	343.5	314.0	274.6	39.4	29.5	8.6	8.3	.2
1975 Avg.	330.5	303.6	268.8	34.8	26.9	8.1	8.5	.1
1976								
January	342.7	315.0	274.6	40.4	27.7	8.1	7.8	*
February	341.1	314.6	275.6	39.0	26.5	7.8	7.6	*
March	337.8	309.9	273.8	36.1	27.9	8.3	7.5	*
April	332.6	307.2	272.2	35.0	25.4	7.6	7.5	*
May	328.2	302.9	269.4	33.5	25.3	7.7	7.3	*
June	322.7	295.6	263.9	31.7	27.1	8.4	7.5	*
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*
2/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.*
* *Under 50.*

Series began January 1970.
Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.
Current month preliminary.

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

RESIDENCE DATA

Table X

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1974								
January	32.8	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.5	7.6	7.0	*
February	32.4	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.1	6.5	6.2	*
March	32.6	30.4	28.9	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.3	*
April	32.4	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.2	6.8	6.7	*
May	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.6	1.4
June	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	6.8	7.2	1.2
July	32.6	30.5	28.7	1.8	2.1	6.4	6.7	*
August	32.6	30.5	29.1	1.4	2.1	6.4	6.5	*
September	32.5	30.5	29.2	1.3	2.0	6.2	6.5	*
October	33.2	31.1	29.5	1.6	2.1	6.3	6.6	*
November	32.7	30.5	28.9	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
December	32.8	30.6	29.1	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.0	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.7	.2
1975								
January	32.4	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.1	6.5	7.0	*
February	32.7	30.0	28.5	1.5	2.7	8.3	8.1	*
March	32.5	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.6	8.1	8.0	.1
April	32.6	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.8	8.7	8.5	.1
May	32.4	29.9	28.6	1.3	2.5	7.8	8.2	*
June	32.2	29.7	28.5	1.2	2.5	7.8	8.4	*
July	32.4	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.6	8.2	8.1	*
August	32.5	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.7	8.2	8.0	*
September	32.7	30.0	28.8	1.2	2.7	8.2	8.1	*
October	33.0	30.0	28.7	1.3	3.0	9.0	8.3	*
November	33.6	30.8	29.3	1.5	2.8	8.3	8.2	*
December	33.4	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.9	8.8	8.6	*
1975 Avg.	32.7	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.7	8.2	8.1	*
1976								
January	33.7	31.0	29.3	1.7	2.7	8.0	8.1	*
February	33.6	31.0	29.4	1.6	2.6	7.7	7.8	*
March	33.7	30.8	29.4	1.4	2.9	8.6	8.3	*
April	32.5	29.8	28.4	1.4	2.7	8.3	7.6	*
May	33.1	30.7	29.4	1.3	2.4	7.3	7.7	*
June	33.6	30.7	29.5	1.2	2.9	8.7	8.4	*
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*

2/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.*

* *Under 50.*

Series began January 1970.

Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.

Current month preliminary.

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

Table XI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1974								
January	45.4	42.5	41.0	1.5	2.9	6.4	7.0	*
February	45.1	42.9	41.4	1.5	2.2	4.9	6.2	*
March	45.5	43.4	41.7	1.7	2.1	4.6	6.3	*
April	45.6	43.1	41.4	1.7	2.5	5.5	6.7	*
May	45.8	43.4	41.5	1.9	2.4	5.2	6.6	.5
June	46.4	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.8	6.0	7.2	.5
July	46.6	44.1	42.1	2.0	2.5	5.4	6.7	*
August	46.2	44.0	42.0	2.0	2.2	4.8	6.5	*
September	46.2	43.9	42.3	1.6	2.3	5.0	6.5	*
October	46.2	43.9	42.0	1.9	2.3	5.0	6.6	*
November	45.6	43.2	41.4	1.8	2.4	5.3	7.0	*
December	45.8	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.3	5.0	7.0	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	5.3	6.7	*
1975								
January	46.9	44.0	42.3	1.7	2.9	6.2	7.0	*
February	46.6	43.3	41.6	1.7	3.3	7.0	8.1	*
March	46.5	43.3	41.7	1.6	3.2	7.0	8.0	.1
April	47.3	43.7	42.2	1.5	3.6	7.6	8.5	*
May	47.3	44.3	42.8	1.5	3.0	6.3	8.2	*
June	47.3	44.2	42.7	1.5	3.1	6.5	8.4	*
July	47.8	44.7	43.3	1.4	3.1	6.5	8.1	*
August	48.2	45.0	43.4	1.6	3.2	6.5	8.0	*
September	48.6	45.4	43.9	1.5	3.2	6.6	8.1	.2
October	48.0	44.8	43.2	1.6	3.2	6.7	8.3	.2
November	49.0	45.9	44.2	1.7	3.1	6.3	8.2	*
December	49.0	45.8	44.0	1.8	3.2	6.6	8.6	*
1975 Avg.	47.7	44.5	42.9	1.6	3.2	6.7	8.1	*
1976								
January	49.0	45.8	44.0	1.8	3.2	6.6	8.1	*
February	48.8	45.9	44.2	1.7	2.9	6.0	7.8	*
March	48.7	45.6	44.0	1.6	3.1	6.4	8.3	*
April	48.7	45.7	44.1	1.6	3.0	6.2	7.6	*
May	47.9	45.3	43.8	1.5	2.6	5.5	7.7	*
June	48.9	45.8	44.3	1.5	3.1	6.4	8.4	*
July								
August								
September								
October								
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Avg.								

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

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Series began January 1970.
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Table XII

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

JUNE 1976

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1976	May 1976	June 1975	June 1976	May 1976	June 1975	June 1976	May 1976	June 1975
TOTAL PRIVATE	$169.56	$168.84	$160.81	36.0	36.0	36.3	$4.71	$4.69	$4.43
MANUFACTURING	230.68	231.45	189.74	39.5	39.7	36.7	5.84	5.83	5.17
Durable Goods	227.26	227.83	183.63	39.8	39.9	36.8	5.71	5.71	4.99
Primary Metal Industries	272.57	270.95	225.46	40.5	40.2	36.9	6.73	6.74	6.11
Nondurable Goods	238.39	240.47	207.48	38.7	39.1	36.4	6.16	6.15	5.70
Food and Kindred Products	224.97	225.61	201.70	39.4	39.1	37.7	5.71	5.77	5.35
MINING	295.75	297.19	269.81	42.8	42.7	43.1	6.91	6.96	6.26
Metal Mining	287.45	287.45	263.86	41.3	41.3	41.1	6.96	6.96	6.42
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	308.85	313.24	291.46	38.8	39.6	36.8	7.96	7.91	7.92
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	258.67	259.94	243.39	40.8	41.0	42.7	6.34	6.34	5.70
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	228.00	226.69	204.34	40.0	39.7	39.6	5.70	5.71	5.16
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	142.09	139.87	126.74	35.7	35.5	35.7	3.98	3.94	3.55
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	123.00	124.10	120.29	36.5	36.5	36.9	3.37	3.40	3.26
SERVICES	107.42	107.12	104.65	31.5	31.6	32.3	3.41	3.39	3.24

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ESTABLISHMENT DATA

Table XIII

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

MAY 1976

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975
MANUFACTURING	3.6	4.5	4.9	3.1	3.6	3.4	2.5	2.5	4.4	1.4	1.4	1.6	0.5	0.4	2.2
Durable Goods	3.7	4.4	5.9	3.2	3.2	4.3	3.0	2.2	3.2	1.6	1.4	1.5	0.6	0.2	1.0
Primary Metal Industries	2.9	5.0	4.3	2.0	2.2	0.0	3.1	1.0	4.2	0.3	0.2	0.5	1.8	0.1	3.2
Nondurable Goods	3.5	4.7	2.9	2.9	4.5	1.7	1.3	2.8	6.8	0.9	1.2	1.7	0.2	0.9	4.5
MINING	2.7	2.5	3.9	1.1	0.6	2.2	5.1	1.4	2.9	0.6	0.4	1.7	3.6	0.1	0.3
Metal Mining	2.0	1.6	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	1.6	2.6	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.6

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY INDUSTRY

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts in Montana during the current month and year to date, with a comparison to the previous year.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses by industry, with a comparison to last year.

Industry	June 1976	June 1975	Year to Date 1976	Year to Date 1975
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	42	34	154	161
MINING	11	13	44	43
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	72	48	222	177
MANUFACTURING	23	21	66	58
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	18	9	47	35
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	98	69	284	300
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	22	19	123	121
SERVICES	104	104	448	480
GOVERNMENT	0	0	0	0
NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	0	2	0	2
STATE TOTAL	390	319	1,388	1,377

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY LABOR MARKET AREA

Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
			Year to Date	
	June 1976	June 1975	1976	1975
STATE OF MONTANA	390	319	1,388	1,377
GREAT FALLS SMSA	20	29	119	129
BILLINGS SMSA	76	46	226	205
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA	33	19	118	104
Beaverhead	3	5	22	23
Deer Lodge	5	4	15	13
Granite	4	0	5	1
Madison	6	4	11	15
Powell	0	0	8	8
Silver Bow	15	6	57	44
BOZEMAN LMA	37	32	118	128
Gallatin	30	26	93	108
Meagher	1	1	3	4
Park	6	5	22	16
GLASGOW LMA	13	13	66	59
Daniels	1	3	17	16
Phillips	0	2	1	10
Roosevelt	5	3	19	13
Sheridan	2	4	13	10
Valley	5	1	16	10
GLENDIVE LMA	9	13	45	56
Dawson	3	9	16	25
Garfield	1	0	3	6
McCone	1	0	7	5
Prairie	0	0	3	1
Richland	4	4	16	18
Wibaux	0	0	0	1
HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA	14	11	45	47
Big Horn	1	5	8	23
Carbon	3	0	18	7
Stillwater	6	3	12	10
Sweet Grass	4	3	7	7

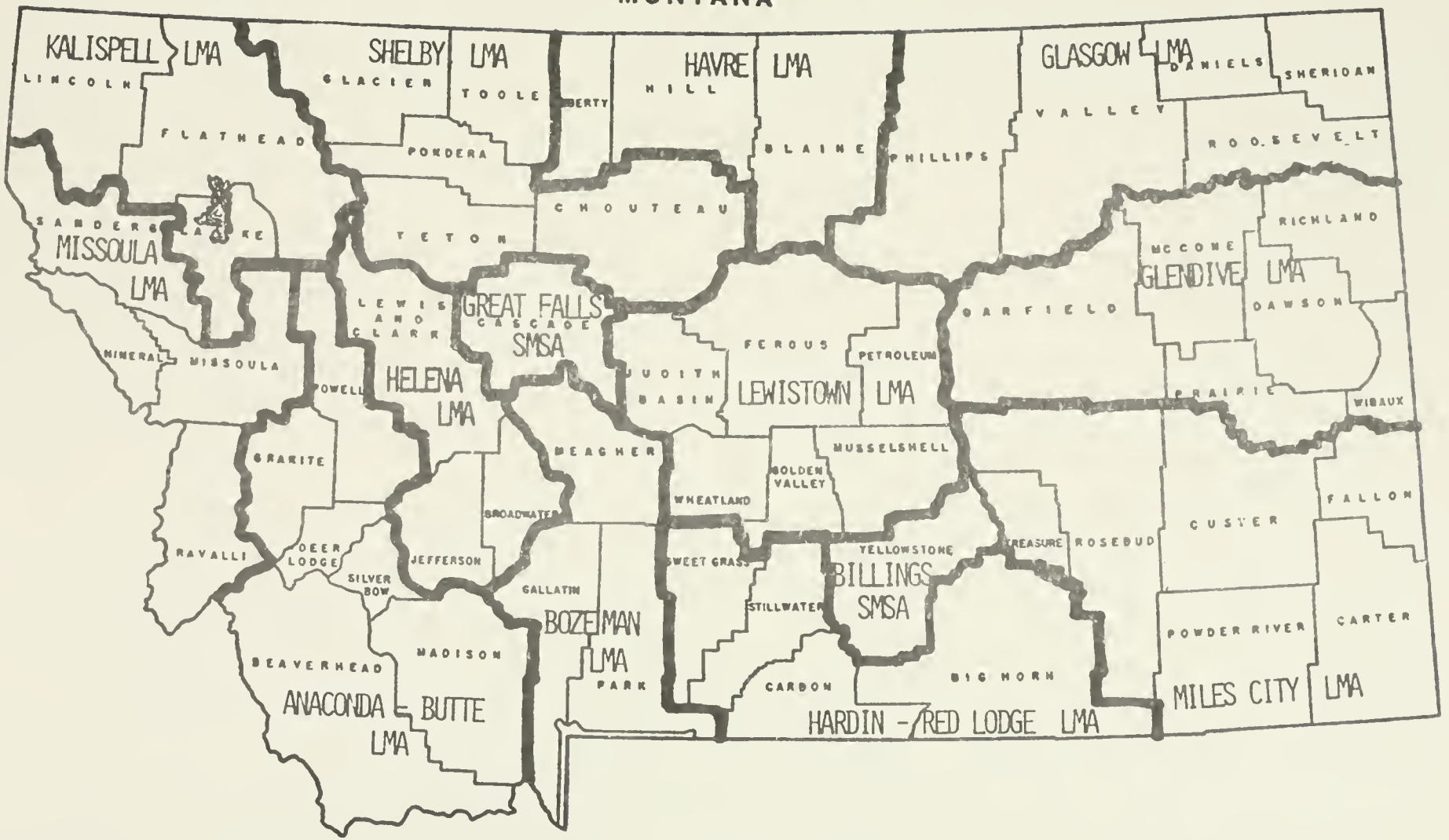
Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
			Year to Date	
	June 1976	June 1975	1976	1975
HAVRE LMA	12	13	44	52
Blaine	1	3	4	12
Hill	8	10	33	36
Liberty	3	0	7	4
HELENA LMA	22	21	96	78
Broadwater	0	3	1	6
Jefferson	1	5	9	9
Lewis and Clark	21	13	86	63
KALISPELL LMA	40	28	156	139
Flathead	21	23	99	102
Lake	14	4	41	25
Lincoln	5	1	16	12
LEWISTOWN LMA	10	6	28	23
Fergus	5	5	15	15
Golden Valley	1	0	2	0
Judith Basin	0	0	0	0
Musselshell	3	1	8	5
Petroleum	0	0	2	0
Wheatland	1	0	1	3
MILES CITY LMA	13	14	57	66
Carter	1	1	2	4
Custer	8	8	23	29
Fallon	0	3	8	11
Powder River	1	0	4	3
Rosebud	3	2	17	18
Treasure	0	0	3	1
MISSOULA LMA	83	62	213	230
Mineral	4	2	5	13
Missoula	55	42	154	157
Ravalli	9	11	24	32
Sanders	15	7	30	28
SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA	8	12	57	61
Chouteau	3	0	14	7
Glacier	1	5	13	21
Pondera	2	4	8	16
Teton	2	2	11	9
Toole	0	1	11	8

Source of data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

LABOR MARKET AREAS

IN

MONTANA



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